

New Shoreham Shoreline Access Working Group
Tuesday, May 5, 2015
Town Hall, Old Town Road
4:00 p.m.

Present: Chair Michael Shea, Members: Sven Risom, Doug Michel, Chris Blane and Marc Tillson. Also present, for the recording of minutes, was Deputy Town Clerk Millie McGinnes. Member Gary Ryan was absent.

Mr. Shea called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of: December 2, 2014, December 10, 2014, January 6, 2015, January 20, 2015 and March 30, 2015

Mr. Shea moved to approve the minutes of December 2, 2014, December 10, 2014, January 6, 2015, January 20, 2015 and March 30, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tillson and carried.

4 Ayes (Risom, Tillson, Shea, Blane) 0 Nays 2 Absent (Ryan, Michel)

2. Receive and assess correspondence from David Lewis re: South West Point beach access Plat 14, Lots 17-1, 2, 3, 4, 5 public access and parking

It was noted that a letter along with a copy of a Southwest Point subdivision map was received from David Lewis regarding the Southwest Point beach access area. The letter explained that the subdivision requires four parking spaces for the access and an 8 ft. wide right of way to the beach. It was noted that 2 of the parking spaces have been lost and it appears the right-of-way to the beach is only 6 ft. wide. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Michel joined the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

Mr. Tillson moved to recommend that the Town Council require compliance in accordance with the subdivision plan mandated and approved by the Planning Board as it pertains to the Southwest Point shoreline access: establishing four parking spaces (2 on each side of the road) and maintaining the 8 ft. wide right of way width to the beach. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shea and carried.

5 Ayes (Risom, Tillson, Shea, Blane, Michel) 0 Nays 1 Absent (Ryan)

This recommendation will be included in the final report to the Town Council.

3. Shoreline access points:

- a. Review data collected at site visits**
- b. Determine areas with no need of attention**
- c. Formulate and discuss plans for those area that are in need of attention**
- d. Determine additional documentation to be collected**

West Beach Road Access: It was noted that a caution sign was needed due to path erosion. The group determined that all action should wait until the CRMC had a final plan for the area.

Mr. Tillson moved to take no action regarding the West Beach Road access area. Mr. Blane seconded the motion.

5 Ayes (Risom, Tillson, Shea, Blane, Michel) 0 Nays 1 Absent (Ryan)

Mansion Beach: Discussion ensued regarding expanding parking, the need for bathroom facilities, the need for signage and handicapped parking.

A larger discussion regarding handicapped parking developed. No action was taken.

Minister's Lot Access: No issues were found with this site.

A general discussion ensued regarding common signage for all sites covering safety and liability.

Mr. Tillson moved to immediately recommend that the Town Council develop a small (12" x 18"), universal, metal sign with language approved/developed by the Town Solicitor which reflects "Public Access – Enjoy at your own risk" for posting at all of the shoreline access points. The motion was seconded by Mr. Risom and carried.

5 Ayes (Risom, Tillson, Shea, Blane, Michel) 0 Nays 1 Absent (Ryan)

This recommendation will be sent to the Town Council for immediate action in hopes to install signage for the summer season.

Andy's Way: It was noted that the entrance path to the beach needs work. Discussion ensued regarding the path's structure, width and use. Mr. Blane stated the path should be opened to allow vehicle traffic.

Mr. Risom moved to recommend that the Town Council investigate installing a 6 ft. wide, wooden, curved, walking ramp (wide enough for small boats and emergency ATV access) ending at a small platform, as the area is highly trafficked and public safety and rescue access should be addressed. Mr. Tillson seconded the motion and it carried.

4 Ayes (Risom, Tillson, Shea, Michel) 1 Nays (Blane) 1 Absent (Ryan)

This recommendation will be included in the final report to the Town Council.

Mr. Tillson suggested producing a map that includes all of the shoreline access points. Mr. Risom suggested creating a uniform marker for each location and a mobile app for locations and specifics of each site. Standardized markers for shoreline access areas will be on the June meeting agenda.

A site visit to the Breed Property was planned for May 12, 2015 at noon.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Shea made a motion to adjourn at 5:22 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Risom and passed unanimously.

Millie McGinnes
Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes approved: June 2, 2015